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## A Defensive Alliance

The forming of the North Atlantic Alliance, a defensive treaty between the nations of Western Europe and those of



North America, the United States and Canada, has been having no small space in newsprint and has been the frequent subject of commentators in recent weeks. That the only defense against atomic destruction is peace we

are told over and over again by men of science, who made the bomb, as they impress the statesmen of the grave implications to be considered should there be another shooting war.

The citizen's share in national policies is in electing the right representative and then in being a specimen of good citizenship, being law abiding and tolerant of the rights of others, while at the same time being awake to ideologies that weaken the forces of cohesion that hold together this fair land of ours.

The citizen of the kingdom of God, the Christian, has a personal defensive alliance in the spiritual aspect of his living, one phase of which the Apostle Paul terms a struggle "not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," against which he exhorts the believers to use the "whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day."

The Christian has a defensive alliance in his fellowship with other believers. Doubtless that is a reason for the admonition of the writer to the Hebrews to "consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together . . . and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (10:24-25). The fellowship of prayer offers an alliance in the time of increased pressure. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." In Christian fellowship the believer has the strength of united service in a common interest. It is always easier to engage in a task at which someone else is working, no matter how commonplace or how involved that task may be.

The Christian has a defensive alliance with the Ruler of a greater country, the Lord who redeemed him, the One who has said, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." This is a defensive alliance against the onslaught of the feeling of frustration. Hoplessness is a

flank attack on determination no matter how well conceived in consecration and reared in devotion. If the enemy of men's souls can for a little while get a weary heart to think that trying to live a victorious Christian life is an exercise in futility, the scale is tipped in favor of defeat. But the alliance with the Lord produces opposition to evil by marshaling reinforcement to soul stamina through the ministry of His Spirit, through the Word of Life, through faith. "And faith," it is recorded, "cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

The believer who will sign up with his Lord by the dedication of himself as a living sacrifice on the altar of the will of God has a defensive alliance which will be protection in every trying hour. He has an alliance against temptation; he has been taught to pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory." By dwelling in that refuge the Psalmist calls the "secret place of the Most High . . . under the shadow of the Almighty" (Psalm 91:1), he has a defense against destruction. He has an alliance to help him in the time of sickness—"The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up" (James 5:15). In spite of tribulation, he has an alliance against spiritual defeat. Jesus encouraged his disciples and all those who follow after to "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

And triumphant in Christian living, pleasing the Lord who redeemed him, the Christian is twice blessed, blessed by his victory and blessed in his victory. He has assurance now and will have glory hereafter, when the course is finished, the race won, and alliance here is culminated in eternal fellowship there with Him.

M. M.

### District Dollar Day - April 10

**FOOLISH**—It is foolish to try to live on past experience. It is very dangerous if not a fatal habit, to judge ourselves to be safe because of something that we felt or did 20 years ago.—*Spurgeon*

The most powerful of all Christian evidences is an obedient Christian who lives out what the Bible teaches.

Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

## Why Go to Church

You ask me why go to church?  
I give my mind a careful search,  
Because I need to breathe the air  
Where there's an atmosphere of prayer;  
I need the hymns the churches sing,  
They set my faith and hope a-swing  
They keep old truths in memory green,  
Reveal the worth of things unseen.  
Because my neighbor needs to go,  
His faith in right is rather low;  
He needs the church to hold him fast  
To those great truths that always last:  
And when he sees me on my way,  
It draws him to the church to pray  
And both our hearts are lifted up  
To heavenly places where we sup.  
Because my boy is watching me  
To note whatever he can see  
That tells him what his father thinks,  
And with his eager soul he drinks  
The things I do in daily talk;  
If I go with him the church will share,  
My son will make his friendships there.  
Because the church builds up the state,  
Breaks down the barriers of hate,  
And helps to spread unselfish life,  
Allay all bickering and strife:  
Sustains a wholesale public health  
And builds a righteous commonwealth  
A joyous place in which to live  
With all the blessings God can give.

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A man who won't let his religion interfere with his business frequently allows his business to interfere with his religion.

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"For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilions in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me."—Psalm 27:5.

"Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings."—Psalm 17:8.

Inasmuch as David wrote more than any of the other writers of God as his hiding place, there must have been a reason. When was David hidden by the Lord in His pavilion (or His tabernacle)? We can find the answer in an often overlooked experience in the life of David, found in 1 Samuel 19:20-24. Here in word picture is another thrilling scene in the flight of David from the presence of Saul.

David had been playing on the harp one of his sweet melodies, but the evil spirit had taken hold of this one-time-godly king, and he endeavored to smite David to the wall with a thrust of his javelin. David, however, slipped out of Saul's presence. Saul, not content to miss in his attack upon David, sent messengers to David's house to slay him in the morning. Once again David cheated his pursuers by the help of his wife, Saul's daughter, who let him down through a window in order to escape.

It was then that David fled for refuge to his friend, the man of God who had anointed him when he was but a lad tending sheep for his father. This young man all alone, friendless, anointed, and destined of God to become Israel's greatest ruler and righteous leader, must have had something in his heart that impelled him to seek refuge with God's man at this trying hour.

Consider the flimsiness of the refuge. Samuel is not a man of war. He controls no army; he has no bodyguard. His daily fare is meager. The school of the prophets over which he is the overseer has no weapons with which to fight. Theirs is a ministry of peace and not of war. Samuel's ministry is to the law, the Lord, and to His sacrifice. But to this man of God David seeks refuge.

It is not long before Saul's henchmen locate the whereabouts of this young refugee, and they relay to the king their information. "At last," we can hear the king saying, "I have him in my power; my enemy, the usurper of my throne, shall be apprehended."

Saul, the king, then commandeered a squadron of his picked men to take David captive. Now is the thrilling story of God's hiding place. Imagine, if you will, a company of armed men arrayed in battle equipment, marching with the precision of well-trained personal bodyguards to the Bible school of those days. Of course, the place is astir, for strange things have been happening these days. Samuel has a personal friend in close confidence, and now here is a company of armed men directly from the country's

## The Hiding Place

BY ROBERT CARRINGTON

headquarters. They have come to arrest Samuel's friend. "But," says the door-keeper, "The prophet is busy just now; you see, we've been having a revival in our Bible school, and if you gentlemen would just come in, I'm sure in a short while you will be granted your request."

So the company of Saul's messengers enter the establishment to wait until the meeting is over. There in front of them is Samuel. It seems as though God Himself is in the building. Samuel is speaking as the oracle of God, and soon one of these men of the king's bodyguard who seems to be more spiritual than the others begins to thank God audibly for the blessing of the Lord upon this place. Soon one after another, these men, some with a conviction of unrighteousness and some from a full heart, begin to bless God. This service lasts for some time. At the close, these men turn to go with praise on their lips. Watch them going down the road singing the songs of Zion and extolling His goodness. They are nearing home, and, of course, they must report to the king.

"There's a great revival meeting going on in Naioth at the Bible school. God surely is blessing; we had a grand time!"

"What about David?" roars the king.

"David? Oh, yes, we saw him. He's right in the thick of it, glorifying God and praising Him. He's getting along fine."

Saul stalks away in absolute rage, calling for another squadron of armed men, giving them specific instructions, telling them not to return without David.

Away go these servants to Samuel at Naioth for the capture of David. Upon arrival, they are treated cordially and invited into the service now in session. What a glorious meeting! It started with the sacrifice, but so manifestly did God meet these prophets that soon each was prophesying as the Lord one by one added fire into their own souls. These soldiers? Oh, they cannot contain themselves. Never before have they realized that the presence and power of the Lord could be so wonderful. They are lifted up into the heights—God is real, God is manifest—and they begin to prophesy with the rest. Now, before Saul, they tell of the glorious meeting at the school of the prophets. Saul is beside himself. Someone whispers to him that perhaps these men already sent were too religious. Perhaps he had better pick the rough element, those who can easily shed blood, who care not for the lovely

things of life, those who lust for the battle.

Perhaps this is right. And Saul hand picks the mean and the vile and sends them for their prey. They are met at the appointed place, at the school of the prophets; but the revival is as strong as ever. God is visiting His people through the mighty prophesying of Samuel, together with David and the others. These armed men are stricken with conviction. We imagine the depth of their souls are searched. And no one can stand the mighty searchings of the heart. To get right with their God is their only salvation; and wonder of wonders, these prophesy also. Imagine these converted men shouting "Hallelujah . . . Glory to God . . . Praise the Lord," as they march back again to headquarters.

Saul's anger knows no bounds. In a blind rage he equips himself to the battle. He is determined that no one shall make a laughing stock of him. He shall take this cornered enemy singlehanded. So saying, he begins his journey. Perhaps, like another Saul, he began by breathing out threatenings against the saints. But as he goes, something begins to grip his own heart, and he begins to sing a little. Suddenly, he realizes that he is on a gruesome errand, and he takes up his threatenings again, only to soon begin to praise God in his heart, for the Scripture tells us, "And the Spirit of God was upon him also, as he went on, and prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah." 1 Samuel 19:23. By now, he is glorifying God. Perhaps there is a great yearning in his heart to be in an old-fashioned revival meeting again, to know the old time touch of spiritual anointing. Who knows, perhaps the Spirit of the Lord might come upon him again as at the time when he had gone to look for his father's lost asses and he had met Samuel the prophet who anointed him, after which that glorious power came upon him, and he prophesied with the other prophets. And Saul, in his heart, longs for the old days.

At the entrance to the glorious meeting place, he can scarcely contain himself. Here is a marvelous revival meeting going on. Mighty movings of the Spirit that was upon Saul at the beginning is upon him now, and he glorifies God. Ah, but Saul is not himself. He begins to strip off the armor, and all that day and all that night he remains stripped before the Lord.

Shall we catch a spiritual application in passing? No wonder Saul stripped before God. The armor was an indication of the fighting spirit upon Saul. How could God bless with an angry, mad disposition. Let us not think that the touch of heaven shall remain upon any of us if in our hearts we are bitter toward our brother. Saul must get the bitterness out of his heart, so he stripped that off. Next,

he must take off the proud kingly robes. Saul used to be the humble, unpretentious servant, but now he is a proud monarch, ruling with an iron rod. This too he must put aside, for a proud and haughty spirit is an abomination to God. May the Lord enable us also to put away our pride—pride of race, pride of place, and pride of grace. “A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.” And Saul, the king, lowers himself into the dust before God. What anointing, what victory, what mighty manifestation, what fullness of soul, what prophesying from the soul and lips of this ruler as he praises God along with David the pursued.

But why does not Saul take this man David? David is in plain sight. He is not hiding. David cannot flee. Why, then, does not Saul overtake him. He cannot, for David is in the secret presence of the most high. “He will hide me in His pavilion.” “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide . . .”

Friend, these words have fresh meaning for us. In these days of the outpouring of the Spirit of God, let us be so enveloped with supernatural power from on high that all of the hosts of the enemy shall not be able to overthrow us. Neither atom bombs, nor atheistic dictators, nor religious formalism, nor ungodliness will be able to touch us so long as we know the thrill of the veritable protection of the presence of God. There is no need of guns or swords or armor or any such thing when God and His presence overshadow the saint of God (Psalms 27:8).

#### MY BIBLE

Not something inanimate,  
That little book of mine—  
But something that is living—  
The Word of God sublime.  
Between its sacred covers  
Are hidden mines of gold—  
As I search the Scriptures  
Rare treasures there unfold.  
A light unto my pathway,  
A lamp unto my feet—  
And as I walk with Jesus  
My joy shall be complete.  
A comfort in my sorrow  
When God seems far away;  
When I have finished reading,  
My night has turned to day.  
It lies beneath my pillow,  
I sleep with it at night,  
It seems I love it better  
When dawns the morning light.  
I fold it to my bosom  
And press it to my heart.  
For me, it's my dear Bible,  
We cannot live apart.  
A guide book as I travel  
On to my home above,  
A gift from God my father,  
A token of His love.

—Lillie Buffum

## Intimations of The Trinity

by J. Narver Gortner

That the revelation that God has given us in His Word of Himself, and of His plan, is progressive in its nature, is quite generally believed and taught. God revealed much to Moses, but much that has since been revealed was not made known when Moses lived and wrote. Additional revelations were made to the prophets, but some of their own prophecies the prophets were unable to understand. A fuller understanding of those prophecies necessitated further and fuller revelations of God. Hence the prophets were frequently perplexed by what they were moved by the Spirit of God to say or write. Speaking of the salvation concerning which he was writing, Peter wrote, “Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow” (1 Peter 1:10, 11).

The final revelation that God made in His written Word was made to John, and through John to us, in the last book of the Bible, called *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*. We now know what the prophets did not know, and could not have known without an additional revelation of God's purpose and plan, namely, that there were to be two advents of the Messiah, that at His first advent He would be a suffering Messiah, making an atonement for the sins of the world, and that at His second advent He would be a triumphant Messiah, crushing the head of the serpent and taking His place upon the Davidic throne to rule over Israel and the nations.

It is not surprising that to the Old Testament writers a clear revelation of the doctrine of the Trinity was not made. And it is no argument against the doctrine that no definite doctrinal statement supporting the teaching that God is *One in Three* and *Three in One* can be found in the Old Testament Scriptures. The explanation is found in the well supported fact that the Old Testament does not constitute a complete revelation of God or of His plan. The New Testament was needed, and the New Testament has been provided.

However, while we cannot find what might be called proof texts to support the doctrine of the Trinity in the Old Testament there are many intimations that, while God is *One*, as the Old Testament clearly and forcefully asserts, He is also *Three*. To these intimations, or to some of them, we now direct attention.

The first intimation of the Trinity found in the Old Testament is found in the very first verse of Genesis, where we

read the first line of God's written message to humanity, “In the beginning God,” the Hebrew noun rendered God being a plural noun—*Elohim*. This is a very significant fact, and it has engaged the thought and attention of many expositors. Those who deny the doctrine of the Trinity have tried to explain it by saying that it is “the plural of majesty.” But whoever heard of the *plural of majesty* until these opponents of the doctrine of the Trinity came forward with their suggestion? Canon Liddon has called attention to the fact that the opponents of the dogma of the Trinity have asserted that the plural noun *Elohim* was borrowed from polytheistic sources, and that it was retained in its plural form in order to express majesty or magnificence, and was then united to singular verbs and adjectives in order to make it do the work of a monotheistic creed. But he adds, “The Hebrew language could have described God by singular forms such as *El*, *Eloah*, and no question would have been raised as to the strictly monotheistic force of those words. The Hebrew language might have ‘amplified’ the idea of God thus conveyed by less dangerous processes than the employment of a plural form. Would it not have done so, unless the plural form had been really necessary, in order to hint at the complex mystery of God's inner life, until that mystery should be more clearly unveiled by the explicit revelations of a later day?” And Canon Liddon says further, “Nor will the theory that the plural noun is merely expressive of majesty avail to account for the plural verb in the words, ‘Let Us make man.’ In these words, which precede the final act and climax of creation, the early fathers detected a clear intimation of a plurality of persons in the Godhead.”

It has been objected by some Unitarians that if the dogma of the Trinity were set forth, or intimated, in the plural title by which God is known in Genesis, and elsewhere in the Old Testament, for we find this plural noun on almost every page of the Old Testament Scriptures, more than 2,500 times in all, Hebrew scholars would have discovered it, whereas it is asserted that the Jews are a unit in denying the doctrine of the Trinity and in asserting that it is one of the Christian heresies.

But these Unitarians are wrong. Dr. Timothy Dwight has pointed out in his *Theology, Explained and Defended in a Series of Sermons*, which, by the way, is one of the very finest works on theological themes with which I am familiar, that Jewish scholars have not by any

## According to Your Ability

BY FLOYD THOMAS

means overlooked the fact that Moses in his concise history of the Creation says more than thirty times, *Elohim*, that is, *Gods*, created; the noun being plural, and the verb singular, in every instance; and he says, "These the Jewish Paraphrasts explain by Jehovah; His Word, that is, His Son; and His Wisdom, or Holy Spirit; which they call *three Degrees*. These, they assert, are One, inseparable *Jehovah*. This doctrine the Jews have exhibited in a variety of methods; clear, convincing, and impressive." And Dr. Wright quotes Rabbi Judah Hakkadosh or Judah the Holy, as he has been known among the Jews, and who flourished in the second century of our era, as saying, in explanation of the use of the plural title of Deity, "God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, Three in Unity, One in Trinity." And Dr. Dwight might have added what I here add, namely, that a clearer statement of the dogma of the Trinity can hardly be found among the writings of the Christian theologians. So it will be seen that Jewish writers have not overlooked the testimony to the threefold nature of God that can be deduced from the significance of the plural form of the title of Deity as found in their Scriptures, which Scriptures they recognize as authoritative, unless indeed they, like many who are classed as Christians, have apostatized from the faith of their fathers.

Notice the fact that in the history of the creation we are told that God said, "Let *Us* make man in *Our* image, after *Our* likeness" (Gen. 1:26). With whom was God conversing? With whom did He hold counsel before undertaking to create man? Listen to the words of that great father of the church, Athanasius, that intrepid defender of the faith, that fearless foe of heresy, that man who was not afraid to defend the truth when it was being assailed by men in high places, and at a time when it looked as though all the world was going to reject truth and adopt heresy:—"Who is this that God converses with here? To whom are these notifications and determinations of His pleasure directed? Not to any of the creatures already made, much less to those things which were not yet created, but undoubtedly to some Person who was then present with the Father, with whom He communicated His counsels, and whose agency He made use of in the creation of them. And who could this be but His eternal Word? With whom can we conceive the Father holding this conference but with His Son, the divine *Logos*, that Wisdom of God that was present with Him in the creation of the world, who was in the beginning with God, and was God? and who saith of Himself, 'When He prepared the heavens I was there; when He appointed the

"For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey."—Matt. 25:14-15.

Responsibility to Christ and stewardship of all that He has intrusted us with is the main lesson of our text. We as Christians are stewards. We are only caretakers of our talents, our abilities, our souls. We are not our own, but we are bought with a price; therefore, faithfulness is required. "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2).

If we would realize the value God puts upon a soul, how we would be stirred and would guard our spiritual life as a sacred treasure. Hear Paul as he writes to Timothy: "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust."

There is an accountability connected with stewardship. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Every idle word, every questionable act, every unhealthy harbored thought. What a mighty force we could be in the world as a church if every word, deed, and thought were harnessed and utilized for the extension of the kingdom of God. If all the energy we have spent in pleasing the flesh and providing for the material, sensual side of life had been sanctified for the service of God, what power, what strength, what joy, what hope the church of the living God would have today.

Just as sure as there shall be a reckoning day, a day of accountability, there should be a sense of responsibility connected with the treasure God has given you.

Responsibility is a personal matter. Job cried, "Be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself." But someone says, "one of our group doesn't do so and so, why should I?" Would that we might feel our responsibility as did the old minister who was dying and as he lay upon his bed, a young pastor,

foundations of the earth, then was I by Him as One brought up with Him."

Notice, further, the fact that after we read that God said, "Let *Us* make man in *Our* image, after *Our* likeness," we read, "So God made man in *His* own image" (Gen. 1:27). There is certainly evidence here of Trinity acting in Unity unless indeed language is meaningless. And the language made use of is the more remarkable if we consider what Paul wrote (Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2, and others); namely, that God made all things by *His Son*.

bending over him, said, "Give me some word, my brother, that will be a help to me after you are gone." The aged minister looked up with an earnest expression, and packed a half century of experience into a single sentence: "Hurry up, my brother, and preach the gospel!"

What are we waiting for? Is not God's Word God's voice. What does it say? It is not a recommendation for idleness. Instead it says to every believer, "Go ye . . . Ye shall be witnesses."

Eve was steward of the tree of knowledge, but she was a failure. Aaron was the steward of the Israelites while Moses was on the mount, and he failed. Saul was sent to destroy the Amalakites, but spared the king, thus failing. We are custodians of the most priceless knowledge, the most glorious experience, the happiest existence. What shall we do with it? Too many feel that God's Word is like gold, that it must be hoarded. It is a sword; let us go to battle and fight for our Captain.

That there will be a reckoning day should make us realize our responsibility. But more than that, let us realize that we have no right to do aught else than serve God with the utmost faithfulness, for we are His because of His divine investment. He has placed the life of His Son within our breasts. Should we not then rightly bring forth dividends? God created the world and has a right to all it contains. He made our bodies. God created our souls, and He loaned us our talents; they belong to Him.

My burden is for the mission field. God spoke to my heart concerning Africa. And a glorious peace was mine when I said, "Here am I, Lord, send me." It is my conviction that my life would have been very unhappy otherwise. There is no half-way place. Either we consecrate or we don't. We say yes to God's will or we say no. Put your talents into service no matter how humble they may be. He is not a hard taskmaster. He expects no more than our ability calls for, but He does distribute "to every man according to his several ability."

It is a significant fact that should not be overlooked that the same plural expression is made use of by God after the fall of man, "The man is become as one of *Us*" (Gen. 3:22). And later, where we have an account of the building of the tower of Babel, it is recorded that God said, "Let *Us* go down, and there confound their language" (Gen. 11:7). What can these plural expressions signify unless indeed they are intimations of the

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## Something to Consider

by the Superintendent

I am choosing a subject for this issue of the magazine that will probably make this column more unpopular than it now is. The subject is money—your money. So if you are still with me and you are much concerned about keeping the filthy lucre—all of it—then you should read no further.

The high cost of government and the added burden of bolstering weak governments in Europe and Asia, the high cost of living, plus the drain of dishing out to a myriad agencies to keep others living, the high cost of building churches and sustaining a program that stands any chance of getting a hearing by a generation surfeited by the lust of other things, the high cost of propagating the gospel in lands devastated by years of war and civil strife, the high cost—but why continue?

Our chief danger as Christians is not that the mounting cost of things and the multiplicity of appeals for aid will eventually deplete our resources, but rather that we shall become hardened through repeated resistance to appalling world distress; and, shutting our bowels of compassion, miss our opportunity to demonstrate our love to God and men thus showing forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Certainly there is no reason for us to develop a neurosis over being asked to support humanitarian and religious causes. The facts are that, with most of us, in spite of the drain siphoned off by the Government and substantial amounts given to charity and the work of the church, we are better off today than we were in "the good old days." So while untold millions continue in desperate straits and still more millions are perishing for the bread of life, let us continue to give—to give good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over.

Heading the list of suggestions in this connection, I would place the cause of world missions. Our Missions Department is operating on a very narrow margin. The plight of the world calls for a surge of evangelism in every field that

is still open to the gospel before the coming of that awful night when no man can work. Shall we not rally with adequate funds to sustain and reinforce our militant outposts in the global conflict?

It will not be long before the semi-annual call will be made from our national headquarters to assist our ministers who are incapacitated because of illness or old age. This will be an opportunity to show our appreciation for the good heritage passed on to us.

At the recent annual session of the District Council, the ministers and delegates voted to recommend to the churches that they take a special offering to help with the current expense of installing a water system and the electric power and light for the campground. I would suggest that this offering be received on the second Sunday in April or as soon thereafter as practicable. There is too much work to be done and the expense involved is too great for a few to carry. When we all co-operate, the task is easy and the burden light. Let us keep before us the goal of one dollar per person as the minimum, while those who are able will of course be free to share in a more substantial manner.

On behalf of our entire fellowship, I say a hearty thank you in advance to each minister and lay member who will sincerely lend a hand in making this special offering a success. W. T. G.

### Dollar Day - April 10

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	\$118,579.93
Total offerings in 1947.....	102,420.09
Increase in 1948.....	\$ 16,159.84

#### Ten Leading Assemblies:

Sacramento, Bethel Temple.....	\$18,411.93
Turlock, Bethel Temple.....	11,645.36
Morgan Hill, Full Gospel.....	6,016.73
Oakland, First Assembly.....	5,019.14
San Francisco, Glad Tidings Temple and Bible Institute.....	4,405.38
Modesto, Bethel Church.....	3,834.41
Oakland, Bethel Tabernacle.....	3,029.02
Berkeley, Assembly of God.....	2,804.09
Escalon, Assembly of God.....	2,558.51
Santa Cruz, Glad Tidings.....	2,497.23

(Other churches which gave over \$1000 are: San Jose, Upper Room Mission; Kerman, Grace and Truth Tabernacle; Hollister, Full Gospel Assembly; Pacific Grove, First Pentecostal Church; Dunsuir, Pentecostal Assembly; Weed, Glad Tidings Assembly; Sunnyvale, First Assembly of God.)

#### Ten Leading Assemblies — Per Capita

Turlock, Bethel Temple.....	\$116.45
Berkeley, Assembly of God.....	58.42
Oakland, Bethany Chapel.....	45.16
Morgan Hill, Full Gospel.....	40.11
Fortuna, Assembly of God.....	39.76
Woodland, Full Gospel.....	37.62
Sacramento, Bethel Temple.....	36.82
Oakland, Bethel Tabernacle.....	30.29
Kerman, Grace and Truth.....	29.28
Weott, Full Gospel.....	27.84

# Council

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## New Committees

The following members have been named by the Superintendent, together with the District presbytery, to serve on the standing committees for the year and through the next District Council session:

### Credentials Committee

L. R. Keys, *Chairman*

All the General Presbyters and the District Presbyters.

### Santa Cruz Campground Committee

O. A. Hart, *Chairman*

Enoch Christofferson

Paul A. Craig

Earl F. Davis

R. P. Murray

R. J. Renfroe

E. O. Robeck

### Home Missions Committee

C. E. Persing, *Chairman*

J. R. Edgar

Wm. Savidge

### Glad Tidings Bible Institute

#### Executive Committee

W. T. Gaston, *Chairman*

R. J. Thurmond

L. R. Keys

C. E. Persing

R. A. Wilson

I. F. Ford

R. J. Renfroe

### CAMPGROUND COTTAGE

Brother E. A. Kirkish has a lovely new cottage not far from the tabernacle area in Bethany Park that he will sell for \$4000. He can be contacted for further particulars by writing to Route 2, Box 41, Cupertino.

### SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

March	7 - Janesville, Modesto Acres San Leandro
14	- Campbell, Concord, Fort Bragg, Olivehurst, Weed
21	- Sebastopol
28	- Live Oak, Merced
April	4 - Greenville, Tracy 11 - San Francisco (Calvary), Tulelake, Ukiah
18	- Napa
25	- Chico

Thirty Bible colleges and Bible institutes in the United States and Canada were officially received into membership of the newly formed Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges in Chicago October 19 to 22. Dr. Samuel Sutherland, president of the new accrediting association and dean of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, hailed the formation of the new association as the most significant forward step in Christian education in many years. Glad Tidings Bible Institute was among those received into full accreditation in the intermediate division.

"We are pleased to notice that your school is the oldest under the auspices of the Assemblies of God and has contributed largely to the welfare of this denomination," commented Terrelle B. Crum, secretary-treasurer of the new association and dean of the Providence Bible Institute. Twelve schools were admitted to accreditation in the intermediate division. Eighteen schools were admitted to the collegiate division. Brother L. R. Keys, then serving as vice-president of the school, represented Glad Tidings Bible Institute at the Chicago meeting.

The new association and member schools will be listed in the United States Government Blue Book *Accredited Higher Institutions*, Dr. John Dale Russell of the United States Office of Education told Doctor Sutherland. This will be official recognition of the distinctive contribution of Bible colleges and institutes to the educational world in training ministers, foreign and home missionaries, and directors of Christian education.

The new association grants accreditation to member schools in two divisions: the collegiate and intermediate. Members of the collegiate division receive only high school graduates, and the majority of faculty members must hold graduate degrees. Within the collegiate division, there is accreditation granted to schools with four-year courses leading to a degree, and three-year courses leading to diplomas. In the intermediate division a three-year course leading to a diploma is accredited on a basis of reduced entrance requirements.

Provisionally established one year ago,

the new association came into official being at the constitutional convention held in Chicago. Other officers of the association include two vice-presidents, Cornelius B. Haggard, president of Pacific Bible College, and R. M. Riggs, educational secretary of the Assemblies of God.

An outgrowth of evangelical Christianity in the past 50 years, the Bible school movement has gained nationwide recognition, cutting across denominational lines. At present there is estimated to be over 100 Bible schools in the country, 42 of which have applied for membership in this new association. These 42 include the largest and best-known of the Bible colleges and institutes.

Standards established by the new association are approximately equivalent to those of regional accrediting associations of secular universities and colleges, said Dr. Sutherland. The association in no way seeks to lower recognized accrediting standards, but is designed to create an agency for accrediting schools which operate in the distinctive field of undergraduate Christian education.

### Don't Forget Dollar Day

### THANKS BE TO GOD

Augustine tells us that the early saints, when they met each other, would say *Deo gratias!* Thanks be to God." Frequently their conversation would be about the persecutions which raged against them, but they finished their conversation with *Deo gratias!* Sometimes they had to tell about dear brethren devoured by a beast in the amphitheatre, but even then they said *Deo Gratias!* Frequently they mourned the uprising of heresy, but this did not make them rob the Lord of His *Deo Gratias!* So should it be with us all the day long. The motto of Christians should be *Deo Gratias!* "Giving thanks always for all things."—C. H. Spurgeon.

Let us each morning resolve to send the day into eternity in such a garb as we shall wish it to wear forever.—ADONIRAM JUDSON.

Honor to whom honor! Special recognition goes to the *Bethel Temple C. A.'s* of Sacramento. In 1948 they gave more than any other group in the nation for Speed-the-Light. In fact they gave almost one-third of the total Northern California and Nevada District giving. Their total, \$4,963.64, placed them fourth in the nation for "per member" rating. This group, which is one of the largest in the movement, was the only large group to make a showing on this basis. It is unusually difficult for a large group to rate high in "per member" giving. One hundred and forty members are chalked up in this active group. Figure it out and you will note that they invested \$35 per member in Speed-the-Light.

Second place honors in this District go to the Woodland C. A.'s. This group placed second in the nation last year, and this year again they hit a high mark of \$25 per member.

Others who rated high in Northern California were Oakland Calvary Temple C. A.'s (\$16 per member), Santa Cruz Glad Tidings C. A.'s (\$15 per member), and Half Moon Bay C. A.'s (\$13 per member).

Congratulations to these and all who are Speeding the Light!

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Brother Jim, the C. A. President of the Full Gospel Church in Vallejo, was being commended for the faithfulness of that group in its support of the District C. A. office. They pledged and paid \$17 a month in 1948.

"How did you decide to give \$17?" we asked. "Why did you not decide upon \$16 or \$18? What did you use as a guide?"

"It's quite simple," Jim responded. "You see, we have set for ourselves a scale of 50c per member per month. Our group is growing, so from now on it will total \$20 a month. We feel that this is a fair way, since it is just as easy for a small group to give this way as it is for a large one."

P. S. A word to the wise—

### District Dollar Day - April 10

#### A Life Ablaze

I saw a human life ablaze with God;  
I felt a power divine,  
As through an empty vessel of frail clay  
I saw God's glory shine.

Then woke I from a dream, and cried  
aloud:

"My Father, give to me  
The blessing of a life consumed by God  
That I may live for Thee."

—Herald of His Coming

### Turlock C. A.'s Evangelize With Tracts

In the last six months, we have given out over 25,000 tracts in Turlock, Merced, Hughson, Modesto, Denair, Ceres, Keyes, Livingston, and Delhi. We have talked to hundreds of people about their salvation. Somebody asks us about results. Here are a few.

#### Teen-Ager Saved

One Saturday night in Modesto we were handing out tracts. A boy of thirteen to whom we spoke, asked, "How can I be saved?" After we showed him the way of salvation, he gave his heart definitely to the Lord. A month later we met him again. He is going on with the Lord, attending regularly one of the evangelical churches in Modesto and is actively engaged in living for the Lord.

#### Headed for Night Club

We purposely pick up hitchhikers so we can talk to them about the Lord. One night we picked up a young fellow between Modesto and Ceres. He was headed for a night club. After we had talked with him for a time, we asked him if he didn't want to be saved. He said, "Yes." Right there in the car we prayed with him; he received Christ as his personal Saviour. A week later we received a letter from him in which he said, "The best thing I have ever received was the Testament you gave me." This man is rejoicing in his salvation.

#### Home for the Holidays

Just before Christmas we picked up a hitchhiker in Turlock who was going home for the holidays. We drove him to his home, talking about the Lord along the way. When we stopped in front of his home, he accepted Christ as His Saviour and Lord.

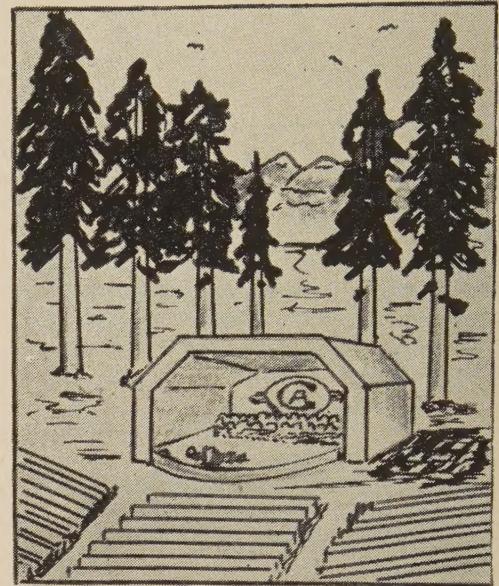
#### Yes, It Pays

These are not all the results, but here are three examples of what the Lord is doing. It costs approximately \$50 for 25,000 tracts, and here at least are three souls. Tract distribution really pays.

### New Guided Missile

American military scientists appear to be working on the idea of a "thinking" guided missile that will identify the intended target from a picture, then attack it.

A guided missile (it could be a rocket or merely a pilotless plane) is fitted with a television set and a picture of an intended target—perhaps an aerial photograph of a city. The missile is launched in a general direction of the target. When it arrives at a point where the pat-



### Vesper Circle News

For the next few months we plan to devote this column to articles of interest which concern the Vesper Circle and recreational area on the District campgrounds. These tasks of development have been accepted by the Christ's Ambassadors. Watch this column for latest achievements!

#### Hats Off This Month To:

The Coast Counties Section — these C. A.'s have sponsored and paid for the two foot bridges that now span the creek. Constructed from logs and slabs, these rustic bridges provide a beautiful approach to the redwood-encircled vesper area. Thanks to the proud contributors—the Coast Counties C. A.'s!!!!

#### Other Projects Are Necessary:

A platform in the Vesper Circle

Bulldozer work in Vesper Circle

A drinking fountain

Playground fence

\$1000 is our goal for this spring!

#### Our Suggestion To Sectional Chairmen:

Set a goal in your section.

If your groups prefer they may send offerings direct to:

Keith J. Hill, 2030 W St., Sacramento.  
Earmark it for C. A. Project on Camp-  
grounds.

tern of the picture matches what its television "eye" sees, the missile "homes in" on the target.

The Air Force already is experimenting with others, including missiles or glide bombs which ride a beam of light, a ray of heat, or a radar beam. A "heat seeking" bomb has been tested by the air force, reportedly with fair results.

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Secretary-Treasurer  
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## March 20, National C. A. Day

March 20 is the *one* day in 1949 when every Assemblies of God church and Christ's Ambassadors group in the United States is urged and encouraged to receive an offering to help support the National Christ's Ambassadors Department.

Many groups are not aware that the *sole* support of this worthy youth department is expected to come from each group within each district. The very existence of this important department of the General Council depends upon an increased interest both in prayers and finances of our Assemblies of God fellowship.

The seriousness of the present day calls for a united forward movement on the part of all Christ's Ambassadors—and without a national C. A. department to aid in directing youth activities, our movement would receive a severe setback. If the national C. A. office had to be discontinued, who would carry on the editing of our youth publications, the *C. A. Herald* and *C. A. Guide*? Who would minister to all branches of military personnel, encourage our College Fellowship; promote that grand youth missionary program, Speed-the-Light;

and design new aids for local groups and districts?

The theme for National C. A. Day is a challenge, *the storm is breaking*—today is ours! C. A.'s, that should spur each one of you to combine your efforts, talents, and resources toward the hastening of His coming kingdom.

Your District C. A. President urges that all pastors co-operate in making March 20 an outstanding day of youth emphasis in the local churches.

Offerings received on this date should be forwarded to Christ's Ambassadors Department, Assemblies of God, Springfield 1, Missouri.

A change of location may be good for your health, but it will not make you a missionary. What you need to be a missionary is a change of heart.

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The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.



The following groups contributed to District C. A. expenses in January:

Alameda	Petaluma
Atwater	Portola
Burlingame	Reno, Nevada
Campbell	Riverbank
Chico	Roseville
Chowchilla	Sacramento (Bethel Temple)
Covelo	San Bruno
Cupertino	San Francisco (Glad Tidings)
Escalon	San Jose, Calvary
Gridley	San Rafael
Gustine	Santa Rosa
Highway City	Sebastopol
Kerman	Stirling City
Lakeport	Tracy
Las Vegas	Ukiah
Lodi	Vallejo
Los Banos	Walnut Creek
Madera	Weed
Merced	Woodland
Modesto (6th & G)	Yreka
Napa	
Oroville	

## Time Flies

by John C. Wright

Brother Frank M. Boyd, formerly dean of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, once said: "I feel in my heart that God is preparing us in this generation for a great final outpouring of the Spirit. The events of the world today are (1) ripening the world for judgment, and (2) preparing the bride of Christ for His return."

Christ's Ambassadors are needed *today*. There is an ever-increasing spirit of levity and unconcern apparent among young people of the world. Every C. A. has a responsibility. Living for Jesus is a joyful one! Our objective is not to *wait* for the second coming of Christ, but rather to live for Christ in view of His soon return. Many people make untimely predictions concerning the return of Christ. Others speculate on signs and current happenings in regard to His coming. To be primarily concerned with such interests is to defeat God-given objectives: living and giving Christ to the world.

The return of Christ is unpredictable—"in such an hour as ye think not." Of supreme consequence in the world of today and of great significance in the world of tomorrow is the character young people build in anticipation of the future.

Millions abide in a state of apathy toward spiritual and eternal values while countless others profess but do not possess Christian character. No one will enter heaven unless he has predetermined to make it his eternal home. Godliness is the only attribute of character which will assure one of that eternal home. A person who *walks* the straight way is far better than one who merely *talks* the straight way.

We are "living epistles, read and known of all men." A revival among our Christ's Ambassadors of this generation will come as each one views himself objectively in the sight of God and humbly prays, "here am I, Lord, let the revival begin in me; speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth thee." Let us hasten the day.

All of us believe in salvation, the baptism, healing, and the second coming. The God-given power and privilege of every C. A. is to speak the truth, live in purity, correct wrong, and follow the King. It remains with the individual to *do it*.

One day, while cleaning up a trash pile, I came across a small piece of paper

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Pictured above are Brother H. W. Brown and Kenneth Robertson. Brother Brown is the pastor of Glad Tidings Church in Reno. Brother Robertson is the local C. A. president. They will be hosts to our spring C. A. convention April 22 to 24.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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## A Suggested Order for a Workers' Conference

A conference should be held each month with *all* officers and teachers present. The conference should be opened and presided over by the superintendent *rather* than the pastor. This is the most challenging part of the superintendent's office. As a general in the army, he or she is marshalling the forces mapping out the strategy, and directing the line of supplies. With this office the general school secretary, departmental heads, and class officers serve as aides to supply all information and materials possible. Next are the teachers who serve as captains over their particular sphere of action—the class. The pastor's place in the school and conference is that of the chief of staff who is always standing by to inspire action, instruct in methods and means, and to counsel in problems. Thus we see the importance of the place of the Sunday school superintendent, and in no other realm is this place so important as in the workers' conference.

When all these persons and officers are functioning together with a constant recognition of the will and presence of the Supreme Commander, Christ Jesus, a good, sound, progressive Sunday school can be assured.

When, as so often is the case, a conference meets with no plan, point or purpose for doing so, an indifference and unconcern may manifest itself among the school personnel. In order to create interest, and to keep the conferences interesting, the following order is suggested.

- I. Call to order
- II. Scripture reading and prayer
- III. Minutes read and approved
- VI. Old Business
- V. Reports: (should include)
  1. General secretary
    - a. Present enrollment
    - b. New members added in the month
    - c. Visitors present in the past month
    - d. Number inactive or dropped
    - e. Class percentages
    - f. Goals reached — financial and attendance
    - g. Teachers' and Officers' attendance record
  2. Cradle Roll Superintendent
    - a. Number enrolled
    - b. Visits made
    - c. Communications sent out
  3. Home Dept. Superintendent
    - a. Number enrolled
    - b. Literature distributed

- c. Visits made and by whom
- d. Need of helpers
4. Teachers
  - a. Number of class members
  - b. Number of visitors
  - c. How many goals broken  
(Class officers may be asked to give the above data)
  - d. Visits made on members and prospects (exact number)
  - e. Phone calls and cards sent
  - f. Class projects and activities
5. Department Heads
  - a. Departmental progress
  - b. Possible improvements
6. Superintendent
  - a. Observation of classes
    1. Condition of rooms
    2. Utilizing and arrangement of proper materials (Flannelgraph, blackboards, crayons, etc)
    3. Order and discipline in the assembly and classrooms
    4. Commendation or suggestion for what may be done to create more class interest
  - b. Current weaknesses pointed out
    1. Irregular attendance
    2. Tardiness
    3. Lack of visitation and absentee follow-ups
    4. Incorrect record keeping
    5. Amount of out-of-class activity
  - c. Planning opening and assembly exercises
  - d. Appointing song leader for the month
  - e. Reminding of coming special events
  - f. Introducing new ideas for school or conference

### VI. General Discussion

### VII. Benediction

—Wm. Cornish Jones

REPRESENTATIVE'S NOTE: I appreciate the above outline for the conducting of a workers' conference immensely. Bro. Jones writes that they have used it in their conference and that it proved to be a real blessing to them. It puts the workers on the spot and makes them check up on their activities to see what they are doing. The more you study this outline the more you are made to realize the value of it. I give my highest recommendation to it.

### Time—

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on which were written the following words:

"Let none hear you idly saying,  
There is nothing I can do,  
While the souls of men are dying,  
And the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you, gladly,  
Let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth,  
'Here am I, send me, send me.'"

This verse has meant much to me in the time I have had it, and I have referred to the words often to keep them fresh in my mind. No doubt for years this was doing no one any good, until uncovered, when it then became a wonderful source of blessing to me. There are also many hidden values in each life. All it takes is to uncover them, and soon they are recognized and become a blessing and help to others. Few are born with marvelous talent. People become talented and useful to God and others by merely using what they have. Through constructive use and practice, they develop it for the Lord.

The secret of being blessed is doing for God. Emotional uplift alone is no criterion of blessing. The end of service comes when one ceases to be available. The Apostle Paul prayed that he would not become a castaway—one whom God could no longer use. God wants to use every Christ's Ambassador for His glory. He will! "Ye are the light of the world." Trim your wick. Cut off the dead, useless part which retards the spiritual light in your life. "Brighten the corner where you are" and live and give Christ to the world.

Building boys is better than mending men.—Spurgeon

### Remember Dollar Day - April 10

### COMPLAINING?

Whenever you feel like complaining about your lot in life, remember that a red clover contains less than one-eighth of a grain of sugar; that 7,000 grains are required to make a pound of honey; that the vagabond bee, seeking everywhere for sweetness, must obtain this material from 56,000 clover heads. Then remember that the bee is compelled to insert its proboscis separately into each flower tube, and that there are about 60 of these in each head. Remember, too, that in performing that operation 60 times 56,000 or 3,360,000 times, the bee gets only enough nectar for one pound of honey — and then doesn't get the honey! So what are you complaining about?—John H. Bostrom.

# Missions

## WEST AFRICA

### The Andersons

(Brother and Sister Wheeler Anderson and family are newly arrived on the mission field. They are now where the Harold Lehmanns have been until their recent departure for home, in Accra, Gold Coast.)

The joy that comes to a missionary's life is greater than could be anticipated when one is far away from the mission field, except he may have been a missionary himself. I refer to the joy that came into our hearts when we were installed as the resident missionaries in the Accra station.

The Sunday evening services are very interesting. That is the time when most people can come. . . After some singing (and how the people do enjoy the songs of the Christians) one feels the power and presence of the Spirit in the people's lives even though he cannot understand their language.

We feel that a good work has begun here, and request your prayers for us as we endeavor to continue with it, that we might do so in the grace of the Lord Jesus and the power of the Holy Ghost. Many of the people here think they are Christian, but still honor and consult the fetish. However, they do recognize the power of the Spirit and the Word in the true believers when they contact it. . . May we assure you that your support to us in prayer and finances is deeply appreciated.

## BRAZIL

### The Johnsons

(Brother and Sister Bernhard Johnson write from Varginha, Minas, Brazil.)

We surely are having rain now, pouring every day. The roads are just big mud holes. We haven't been able to travel and visit the field for these last few weeks, and the trains go off the tracks every day. . . But each week we receive good reports from our native workers, telling how God is working. . . the old-time Pentecostal fire is burning.

About a week before Christmas, a large Catholic family came to our church one night, to the meeting. In their arms they carried their smallest child, who was almost lifeless. They said, "We have heard that you pray for sick people, and Jesus answers your prayers. So tonight we brought our child here for you to pray for her. There is no earthly hope. If she gets better, we want to serve Jesus the rest of our lives from tonight on." We anointed the child in faith believing Him who is able, knowing there is power in the blood also for our diseases. The moment we prayed, the child started to improve, and today, a month later, she is completely healed. The parents are happy Christians, bringing their whole family faithfully to church and Sunday

school. They are getting much persecution and wrong advice from close relatives, but they tell them that they want to serve Jesus the rest of their lives. This same family has brought another large family and they too have found Him the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

## VENEZUELA

### The Dowdys

(From Barquisimeto, Brother Lowell Dowdy tells of more of his activities.)

Let us introduce you to your brethren in El Blanco, an indigenous work which was started 14 years ago. At that time a man bought a Bible. The seed fell in unfruitful soil so that God's Word did not phase him. However, it found lodging in the heart of his son. Immediately after accepting Christ, Hectar Penso began proclaiming the good news, and God blessed and gave him souls and the ability to feed them. Our missionary Theodore Bueno, who is now in Chile, visited them and taught them more of the Word, and a few received the Holy Spirit.

They invited us to visit them for their celebration of the "Day of the Kings." To us it sounded almost like a Catholic celebration, and as it was our first visit, we hardly knew what to expect. Virla Mae, Julio (a student), and I left Barquisimeto at noon in our Chevie for a visit to San Francisco, San Pablo, La Estrella, La Piedro de Agua, and El Blanco, the latter being a district situated high on the peaks of the mighty Andes, which have their beginning in Venezuela.

Two hours from Barquisimeto we providentially encountered the truck that bi-weekly travels between Carora and San Pablo. After we had made arrangements for our passage on the truck, we hurried on to San Francisco, which was as far as we could go with our car. At six o'clock the mountain 'greyhound' arrived and the heavier baggage was left with the pastors of our church there

while the accordion, trombone, and suitcase (one for the three of us to conserve space) was placed on the luggage carrier. The seats were planks placed crosswise in the truck. The merchandise they carried was scattered on the floor. There were several drunks making the trip. . . they sang lustily. At midnight they began to wear out and asked us to sing a hymn. For the remaining two hours we took over and sang and testified as the truck ground its way up the mountain in compound transmission. At two in the morning we heard the welcome words *estamos llegando* (we are arriving) . . . in the village of San Pablo, which is nothing more than half a dozen houses and a store situated on the top of a mountain peak. They hung our hammocks in with the others. Where Virla Mae slept, there were already nine hammocks, but here there is always room for one more. It was too cold to sleep even though we were still dressed. Shortly after dawn, the mules were ready, and after a cup of the inevitable black coffee, the day began. Here I saw for the first time an Indian lad with his teeth filed to sharp points. This is a tribal custom to prevent tooth decay. The process is exceedingly painful.

At noon we caught our first glimpse of Brother Lameda's ranch home. What a welcome sight! That afternoon we had our welcome breakfast of delicious fried cheese and coffee. Then we attended a baptismal service. In the evening we had a blessed service, which lasted until midnight. Everyone stayed the rest of the night in order to be present for the morning service. They are so isolated, it is not easy to travel after night, and it is also dangerous because of tigers. In the morning, without any breakfast, they continued the service, which lasted until two o'clock in the afternoon.

We did not take the revival; the revival spirit was already there. The convicting power of the Holy Ghost was

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The first graduating class of Institute Biblico Central, Barquisimeto, Venezuela. Brother Lowell Dowdy is shown seated in front row, fourth from the right. Three other instructors are shown on the front row.

**ARBUCKLE**—Pastor Elizabeth Everton reports that the new building, though not completed, is being used for evening services.

**AUBURN**—A number of young people were saved and many were stirred during the revival campaign Vinton E. Huffey, president of the West Central District C.A.'s, held January 2 to 16 for Pastor Thomas L. Mendenhall.

**BERKELEY**—Pastor Eleanor M. Johnson reports that souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit during the good campaign that Evangelist Silas H. Jones held there in February.

**BURNEY**—Brother J. H. Creel, who has been transferred to us from the Oklahoma District, is the new pastor. The former pastors, Brother and Sister G. L. Hosking, have gone into evangelistic work.

**COTATI**—Brother W. J. Griggs has resumed the pastorate of the assembly there since his return from Brazil. Brother Richard Jeffrey, who has been pastor, is in evangelistic work in the District and enjoying the Lord's blessing on his labors in a singular manner.

**DALY CITY**—The Peninsula fellowship meeting was held there February 14. The afternoon speaker was E. G. Eskelin from Hayward. In the evening service, Evangelist Otto J. Klink was the special speaker. The church has been enjoying a revival spirit in recent weeks. Four have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and four have been refilled. The church attendance has been increasing, and the Sunday school attendance has been reaching to more than 100. James Adkins and Melvin Steward are co-pastors.

**FAIRFIELD**—Pastor C. R. Tucker has sent us the testimony of Mrs. Alice F. Frazier regarding healing during the meetings Evangelist Walter H. Smith held there. "I am truly praising the Lord for the wonderful healing in my body on December 3. Suffering for years, off and on, with my spine and legs, I could not stand up because the pain finally became unbearable. A nerve specialist said that there was pressure on some nerve in the spine that caused the severe pain. Other doctors had told me the same. I've trusted the Lord for healing before and knew He was able to do exceedingly abundantly. I could not sleep, but many of the saints came and prayed that the Lord would at least give me rest, and He touched me then. But I could not get up. On December 3, two of the sisters of the assembly and Brother Tucker and Brother Smith, as well as my husband and one of our sons, were here. As we prayed it seemed as if the Lord was looking down upon the bed . . . His glory filled our souls and His healing virtue went surging through my body. I sat up in bed . . . the moment my feet touched the floor I was dancing . . . lost with Christ in God. That very hour, as soon as the pastor and evangelist went on their way rejoicing, I took a shower, walked out to the egg house and

News from . . .

# Here and There

Albert J. Lebeck, Field Reporter :-:

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the barn, cooked supper that night and attended the revival. And did the saints rejoice! I've been able to attend all the services since and to do my work. The Lord has saved some souls, reclaimed some backsliders, baptized three with the Holy Ghost, and several others have been healed during the revival."

**GALT**—Brother Billy S. Parks, who formerly belonged to the Council fellowship in New Mexico, is the new pastor, succeeding Brother Vernon H. Ragsdale.

**HOLLISTER**—Several were saved and one was filled with the Spirit during the campaign Evangelist Richard Jefferey held there for eleven days shortly after the holiday season. Three that were converted received the baptism of the Spirit since the meetings. Many were healed during the campaign. The pastor is Sister Marion Minogue, assisted by Glenora McMillan.

**KELSEYVILLE**—The Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting was held there February 14. The afternoon speaker was Brother J. R. Edgar, the presbyter. Evangelist Molay, Indian preacher, who started a revival campaign in Kelseyville the night following, brought the evening message.

**KERMAN**—Pastor Earl T. Hunt writes: "We enjoyed the unusual ministry of Evangelist Harold Herman of Glendale, California, from January 2 to 16. After 15 years in Hollywood as press agent and nearly four years as photo-press correspondent under General MacArthur in the Pacific war theater, he was led to Christ through personal work and later received the Pentecostal experience. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and revival fires are still burning."

**KEYES**—Pastor Carl O. Olson reports that during the three weeks of revival meetings Evangelist Jack Gentry held with him in January there were 50 at the altar for salvation, 14 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and there were 154 in Sunday school, a new record in this young assembly.

**LOELOCK**—Brother and Sister W. C. McPheeters are the new pastors, successors to Brother and Sister T. C. Billings, who have returned to Southern California.

**MODESTO (Airport)**—February 14 was a day of special celebration in the assembly of which Brother Ernest Adams is pastor. It was the occasion of the burning of the mortgage and dedication of the church, the latter observance having been postponed until the mortgage could be burned. The North San Joaquin section fellowship meeting was held there on that day; so there were many guests to join with the local assembly in the happy occasion. Brother H. L. Bayless was the afternoon speaker.

Brother Thurmond was the special speaker and dedicated the new church in the evening service. This is a thriving assembly with a growing Sunday school.

**MODESTO (Bethel)**—The Fox Party from Canada held a revival campaign with Pastor D. G. Weston from February 9 to 28. Bethel Sunday school has had marked results since instituting regular, planned teachers' meetings.

**MODESTO (Sixth and G)**—Pastor Orville Painter reports very good results from the revival meetings Brother Thomas Cusick held there January 16 to 23. A good number were saved and 295 were in attendance in the Sunday school.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW**—The Calvary Assembly of God enjoyed a week of good revival meetings with Evangelist June Garrard from January 16 to 21. The meetings were held in a rented dance hall in the southeastern part of the city. Many young people and some older folk were saved. From January 30 to February 13 the Ted Silva Party held a campaign for the assembly in the Japanese Methodist Church building. Their special music drew good crowds and there were a few saved. Their Sunday school attendance has reached 192, and the average attendance is over 150. Phil Lindvall, assisted by his sister Eunice, is the pastor.

**OAKLAND (Calvary)**—The Blair Trio held a good campaign for Pastor V. Ernest Shores in February.

**OAKLAND (First Church)**—Pastor E. Elsworth Krogstad reports: "The annual business meeting was conducted January 12. A beautiful spirit of Christian love and harmony prevailed and all officers were elected on the nominating ballot. . . . Since moving to our new location the church has witnessed a steady growth spiritually and numerically, 46 new members having been received into the church and a number greatly exceeding that had knelt at our altars for salvation. Approximately \$10,000 was given to the building fund in 1949. During the first 12 months of our building project a total of \$15,000 was contributed for this purpose. Much new equipment was obtained during the year, amongst which was a new pulpit, two pianos, office equipment, and 200 additional Sunday school chairs. Every department showed a consistent gain numerically, financially, and spiritually. A church missionary, Mrs. Hattie Matheus, has been engaged part time to assist in office work and visitation. At the very first services of the campaign now being held with Evangelist Richard Orchard, a revival broke out. One young man received the baptism with the Holy Spirit and several were saved. There is a shout in the camp as the revival fires spread. . . ."

**OAKLAND (Revival Tabernacle)** — Unusual crowds and remarkable results have been attending the campaign with Evangelist O. L. Jaggers who has been ministering in music and preaching, as well as prayer for the sick, for over eight weeks with Pastor C. J. Lowry.

**OROVILLE** — Pastor W. T. Scott reports: "The church enjoyed a fine revival in December with Evangelist Jack White of Riverbank. The morning Bible teaching by Brother White was well attended and the church was blessed with the preaching. A number of new people were accepted into the church in 1948. As the city of Oroville is a growing city, so the church is a growing church. We are in a great revival with Velmer and Wilma Gardner of Washington. God is saving and healing and we are having large crowds. Evangelist Hans Bretschneider will be with us in March."

**PALO ALTO** — Evangelists Ruth and Eddie Washington began a campaign February 23 with Pastor R. J. Renfroe, the meetings to run for two or three weeks.

**PORTOLA** — Souls were saved and the church as a whole greatly blessed during the revival meetings Evangelist Pruett of Texas held there in February. The pastors are Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw.

**RED BLUFF** — Evangelists Ruth and Eddie Washington were there for two nights of special meetings on the occasion of the dedication of the new Hammond organ. The pastor, Everett Morgan, started his eighth year in Bethel on February 1.

**RICHMOND** — A great number came to the altar for salvation during the revival meetings Evangelist Mattie Howard held there from February 8 to 20. The District Council meeting made a deep impression on many of the people of Richmond, reports Pastor C. E. Persing, adding that the congregation was very happy to entertain that good convention.

**SACRAMENTO (Bethel)** — The Sunday school attendance has been steadily increasing since the first of the year and has been well over the 500 mark for several Sundays. Recently quite a number from the Junior Department made definite decisions for Christ during the opening exercises and have gone into another room to spend the entire Sunday school hour in prayer. On March 6 several who have been definitely saved will be baptized during the opening exercises of the Sunday school. The pastor is N. E. Hinman.

Because of snow and bad road conditions, the Capitol fellowship meeting was held in Bethel Temple instead of in Placerville as scheduled. Brothers L. A. Harris of Auburn, W. A. Frazier of Olivehurst, and H. F. Rugwell from Alaska spoke in the afternoon. Brother L. R. Keys from San Francisco was the evening speaker.

**SAN BRUNO** — Evangelist Von Duke Kelly held a good revival campaign with Pastor Lyle W. Corsaw in February.

**SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings)** — The temple congregation enjoyed the ministry

of Brother Harold Horton for one week following the District Council meeting. Evangelist Otto J. Klink held a good campaign February 13 to 27. The pastor is L. R. Keys.

**SAN RAFAEL** — Brother M. P. Bohnet held a good revival campaign with Pastor E. G. Skultety in February.

**SAUSALITO** — Pastor O. A. Robertson reports: "Brother Richard Jeffery conducted a revival in Sausalito January 9 to 27. Many received healing in their bodies and several were saved. The meeting was quite beneficial to the church."

**ST. HELENA** — Of the revival campaign Brother C. R. Peterson held there in February, Pastor S. H. Robertson reports: "Eight or nine were saved, one was filled with the Spirit, and two were refilled. The folk enjoyed the special music of Sister Peterson. . . . Our Sunday school is growing."

**STOCKTON (Calvary)** — Joyce Lyman reports that on the day of the opening of the new church auditorium, "The Sunday school attendance, as the result of a special drive under the leadership of Pastor Earl F. Davis, set an all-time record of 641, surpassing the goal of 500. Approximately 700, including about 85 ministers, attended the dedication services the following day. . . . Following the dedication, Brother Walter Larson held two weeks of revival meetings. Ten came forward for salvation, 14 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and many received spiritual refreshing."

**STOCKTON (Sargent Ave. Assembly)** — During the special meetings, Pastor H. C. Lafferty wrote: "The church is doing fine. God is blessing. Brother Walter Smith is with us in revival. There have been 11 saved and four filled with the Holy Ghost in the past week."

**TUOLUMNE** — Brother George E. Elrod, who was transferred to us recently from the Texas District, has been chosen to be the new pastor, succeeding Brother Morris Lefkovitz.

**UKIAH** — Pastor J. R. Edgar reports: "We have had a wonderful year. . . . Our recently purchased Sunday school bus has been a real blessing. . . . The Lord so arranged it that the School District practically gave the bus to us. After the first of the year we enjoyed a good campaign with Brother Harold S. McHugh. A rising tide of revival has been prevailing. . . . We have had a number of families saved. . . ."

**WEED** — The C. A. rally was held there January 3. Pastor Hazel MacLeod of Duns-muir was the speaker. Brother Walter Boring of Happy Camp was elected to be the new sectional chairman. The pastor in Weed is Albert Rowley.

**WEITCHPEC** — Sister Aimee M. Nowlin is the new pastor, taking over the work in February. She is successor to Sister Gertrude Riecke who has gone to Somes Bar.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Evangelist FLOYD R. HOOLE held a good revival meeting with Pastor FRED REICHERT in Corcoran, California, in January.

After serving as supply pastor in the Oak Park Assembly of God Church in Sacramento, a branch of Bethel Temple, Brother GERALD ROBERTS went to British Columbia, where he held some good revival meetings in several assemblies. Early in February he left for Texas to hold meetings in Anton and in El Paso.

Evangelist SALLY BRADLEY has held meetings in rural sections of Arkansas in recent months. Souls have been saved in meetings in school houses, and a Sunday school is being started in her own community.

Good results have been enjoyed in the revival meetings Evangelist DAVID SLANKARD has been holding in Newberg, Oregon, in recent weeks.

Evangelist and Mrs. C. O. FARMER have been in good meetings in Ajo, Arizona, in recent weeks.

Evangelist MYRTLE WOLFORD is again open for calls. For some months she has been kept at home by the illness of her mother, who has now sufficiently recovered to permit Sister Wolford's return to active ministry. Her address is 272 Bailey Ave., Mountain View, Calif.

Pastor J. R. VEST offers to contact friends or loved ones stationed at Fort Ord, Calif. He may be notified of your desire by writing to 310 Geil St., Salinas. He is pastor of Calvary Evangelistic Church.

## New Arrivals

Brother and Sister M. A. Caudill, who are opening a new work in Carson City, Nevada, have a new daughter. Little Jacqueline Erleen arrived January 31 to join the family circle.

Pastor and Mrs. G. Oliver Hall of Placerville welcomed a new occupant in the parsonage when their second child, a son, was born February 1. His name is Harry Lesher.

Little Gracemary O. Suan arrived February 7 in Sacramento. Her happy parents are Brother and Sister H. A. Suan. Brother Suan has been pastor of the Filipino work in Isleton. They are planning to return to the Philippines as soon as they can.

The Pastor in Briceland has a new helper. Brother and Sister Elbert A. (Pete) North welcomed Peter Donald into their home on February 6.

Too many people regard religion as a trolley car on which they ride only as long as it is going their way.

# An Open Letter to a Minister

December, 1786

Dear .....: You know I love you. Ever since I knew you, I have neglected no way of showing it, that was in my power. And you know I esteem you for your zeal and activity, for your love of discipline and for your gifts which God has given you, particularly quickness of apprehension and readiness of utterance; especially in prayer.

Therefore I am jealous over you lest you should lose any of the things you have gained and not receive full reward; and more, so, because I fear you are wanting in other respects. And who will venture to tell you so? You will scarce know how to bear it from me unless you lift your heart to God. If you do this I may venture to tell you what I fear without any further preface. I fear you think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Do you not think too highly of your own understanding? Of your gifts? Particularly in preaching? As if you were the very best preacher in the connection? Of your own importance? As if the work of God here or there, depended wholly or mainly on you? And of your popularity which I have found to my surprise far less, even in L, than I expected.

May this be much owing to the want of brotherly love? With what measure you mete, men will measure to you again. I fear there is something unloving in your spirit; something not only of roughness but of brashness, yea of sourness! Are you not also extremely open to prejudice, and not easy to be cured of it? So that whenever you are prejudiced you become bitter, impliable, unmerciful? If so, that people are prejudiced against you it is both the natural and the judicial consequence.

I am afraid lest your want of love to your neighbors should spring from want of love to God; from want of thankfulness. I have sometimes heard you speak in a manner that made me tremble; indeed, in terms that not only a weak Christian, but even a serious Deist, would scruple to use.

I fear you greatly want evenness of temper. Are you not generally too high or too low? Are not all your passions too lively? Your anger in particular? Is it not too soon raised? And is it not too impetuous? Causing you to be violent, boisterous, bearing down all before you?

Now, lift up your heart to God, or you will be angry at me. But I must go a little farther. I fear you are greatly wanting in the government of your tongue. You are not exact in relating facts. I have observed it myself. You are apt to amplify, to enlarge a little beyond the truth. You cannot imagine, if others observe this, how it will affect your reputation.

But I fear you are more wanting in another respect: that you give a loose reign to your tongue when you are angry: that your language then is not only sharp, but coarse and ill-bred. If this be so, the people will not bear it. They will not take it either from you or me.

I am your affectionate brother,

John Wesley.

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### Missions—

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present, and one altar call lasted nearly three hours. The spirit of sacrifice of the brethren humbled our hearts, making us glad a thousand times. Tough men cried like babies as God met with us. Can you imagine a congregation on "Broadway" sitting five hours on rough hand-hewn planks to hear God's Word?

In the afternoon we left Piedra de Agua (Rock of Water) on our mules to go to La Estrella (the Star), and that night God met with us again. Three souls found pardon at Calvary. After the service a brother asked the time, and when told that it was 12:15, he contested in a surprised voice, "It seems like nine o'clock to me." Early the next morning the son and daughter-in-law of our host gave their hearts to Jesus. After breakfast we bid them goodbye, and seven mule-hours later we arrived at Quebrada Arriba. . .

In our last letter we asked that you pray that God would baptize all of our students here in the Bible school with the Holy Spirit before graduation. About three weeks ago, Pedro received the promise according to Acts 2:4 about midnight. And what a different Peter now. Because of the prayer meeting that night, our neighbors reported us, and I received a citation to appear before the magistrate, an ex-general of the Army. It was a wonderful opportunity to give the gospel as I told him the testimonies of the two boys who had been praying the loudest. He accepted a New Testament and dismissed us with the admonition to try to be a little more quiet.

Fifteen young men and women comprise the first graduating class. Our outstanding student will study this vacation time and, the Lord willing, will continue on with us as a student instructor. We are looking to the Lord for his financial support. One of our boys will return to Caracas to be associate pastor. Another will go to be associate pastor in Maracaibo, and another will help in the work in Santa Barbara de Zulia. Pray for these young workers as they go out."

### The Trinity—

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truth of the Trinity which God did not at that time see fit to make clear, but which He by no means denied or tried to conceal? His reason for not revealing to man at that time what He saw fit to reveal later can probably be seen in the fact that at the time the Old Testament Scriptures were written men believed in a plurality of gods, in "gods many and lords many," and God purposed by the revelation He made to man to correct this erroneous conception of the Godhead. Hence the emphasis we find placed upon the monotheistic idea of God. It has been well said that God raised up the Israelitish nation to emphasize monotheism in contrast to polytheism, which was the prevailing faith of heathenism. But it might also be said that while God was careful to emphasize the unity of the Godhead and thus guard against the error the heathen nations had fallen into, He was also careful to furnish such intimations of the truth of the Trinity as might serve to set forth that doctrine more clearly in a subsequent age when the fuller revelation of the Godhead should be made; for we must ever remember that the Bible is a book for all time, and that God when He inspired the writing of the Old Testament had in mind the needs of our day, and the needs of humanity in all subsequent times until the plan of God shall have been perfectly carried out and all His purposes concerning our race accomplished. Hence we have these numerous intimations of the Trinity in the Old Testament Scriptures.

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### God's Anvil

(I Peter 1:25)

Last eve I paused beside a blacksmith's door,

And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;

Then looking in, I saw upon the floor,  
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,

"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"

"Just one," said he, and then, with twinkling eye,

"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

"And so," I thought, "The Anvil of God's Word

For ages skeptic blows have beat upon,

Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,

The Anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone."

—Selected

# W. M. C. at The District Council

Three very interesting Women's Missionary Council meetings were held during the District Council session at Richmond. Sectional reports enumerated the many interesting things the women had done during the year, many groups following out the idea of three projects going at once: helping with a local need in the church or community, taking part in outfitting a foreign missionary, and filling the "Treasure Chest" for home and foreign missionary Christmas boxes. Home missionaries introduced were: Mrs. Lillian Hamilton, Jackson; Mrs. Walter Boring, Happy Camp; Mrs. M. J. Curtis, Cottage Grove church at Clear Creek; Gertrude Riecke, who is now pastoring at Somes Bar; and Mrs. Ella Beare, Lower Lake. Pledges were taken for three specific needs: \$50 for Mrs. Beare to take care of a lumber bill for the parsonage; \$50 to the M. J. Curtis family to help toward repairing the parsonage; and \$50 to help toward purchasing additional lumber to finish the parsonage at the Hoopa Indian church where Jack and Esther Colas, with their two little girls, are now pastoring. This parsonage at Hoopa and some of the others in the home missions field are without sinks, bath tubs, and other conveniences that we all consider necessities. It was suggested that if groups knew these needs they would be glad to help. Offerings can always be sent to the District office designated for these needs or to the W. M. C. Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. L. A. Dodson presented a wonderful display of handwork and explained how to make numerous useful and lovely articles. Eight comforters were promised for the four children of Brother and Sister B. T. Bard who have come home ahead of their parents from China and are now attending the Monte Vista Christian School at Watsonville. Miss Emma Decker, who accompanied the children from Peiping, gave a few words of greeting. She is visiting some of the W. M. C. groups while on the Coast before returning to New York. One of the offerings was used toward the purchase of a bolt of curtain material for the parsonage at Friant. Mrs. Dodson was able to get the material at wholesale price. Mrs. Edward Bodenhofer, the pastor's wife at Friant, writes: "In behalf of the Friant church I wish to thank you for the nice curtain material. We received it yesterday and were thrilled, as we didn't know how the church could ever buy it. We were all together at an emergency W. M. C. meeting when Brother Bodenhofer brought the mail and the curtain material." She adds that they have a number of needy Indians in the vicinity

of Friant and could use any amount of material for heavy comforters, coats, skirts, overalls and such things. Any group wishing to send some of these things can mail them to Mrs. Edward Bodenhofer, Box 217, Friant, California.

Of special interest to the women of the District was the passing of a resolution that the Executive officers of the W.M.C. be elected by the District Council. It was sponsored by the East Bay section and recommended by the Director and several sectional chairmen. A nominating committee was appointed by the District Superintendent and several names were submitted. Sister Thurmond was elected President and Sister Marion Minogue of Hollister the Secretary-Treasurer. This also means that the sectional leaders will be nominated at the time the presbyter of the district is nominated and will be ratified by the Council. However, this year the leaders will remain as heretofore. They are as follows: Redwood District, Mrs. N. R. Ingram; Lake and Mendocino, Mrs. J. R. Edgar; Shasta, Mrs. W. C. Jones; Lassen-Plumas, Mrs. M. M. York; Nevada, Mrs. H. W. Brown; North Sacramento, Mrs. E. Wm. Anderson, who has been appointed by Mrs. R. T. Doherty; Capitol, Mrs. M. Leslie Crosson; North San Joaquin, Mrs. Orville Painter; South San Joaquin, Mrs. Coy Nicholson; Coast Counties, Miss Marion Minogue; Peninsula, Mrs. R. J. Renfroe; East Bay, Mrs. I. F. Ford; North Bay, Mrs. Wm. Savidge.

The following committee has been appointed to revise the constitution and bylaws.

Mrs. L. H. Rogers, Mrs. R. J. Renfroe, Mrs. Essie Hallock, Mrs. Earl Hunt, Miss Marion Minogue, Mrs. E. Wm. Anderson, Mrs. C. E. Persing, Mrs. J. R. Edgar.

By combining the sectional reports, we get the following rough estimate of what was accomplished by the W. M. C. last year: Offerings amounting to \$2,588.80; 273 boxes and 1000 pounds of food and clothing were given to foreign missionaries; \$591.41, as well as 460 boxes of food and clothing, 250 pounds of dried fruit and nuts, and five turkeys, were given to home missionaries; \$113.65 and 27 boxes of food and clothing to neighboring churches; velvet drapes, rugs, paint, curtains, and food showers for local churches; food showers, rent money, clothing, and bedding to needy families. Thousands of religious papers and tracts were given out; ten shipments of literature went to the Fiji Islands, a shipment to Samoa. And many house to house and sick calls were made by the women. Many individual packages were sent overseas, besides 320 boxes, 4,654

## On The Air

KSAN, 1450 kc, San Francisco (direct from church)  
Glad Tidings Temple, Pastor L. R. Keys  
Saturday 10:00 to 10:30 p.m. — "Temple Reveries"  
Sunday 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. — "Today and God"  
— An interpretation of current events in the light of Scripture.  
7:30 to 8:00 p.m. — "Words of Life on the Wings of Melody"  
KWRB, 1310 kc, Richmond (direct from church)  
Full Gospel Assembly, Pastor C. E. Persing  
Sunday 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
KCRA, Sacramento, Bethel Temple, Pastor Nelson Hinman  
9:30 a.m. — Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
KTRB, 860 kc, Modesto (direct from church)  
Bethel Full Gospel Church, Pastor D. G. Weston  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. Devotional Hour  
Saturday and Sunday 10:00 to 10:30 p.m. Organ Concert  
KHSL, 1290 kc, Chico (direct from church)  
Assembly of God Church, Pastor E. Wm. Anderson  
Sunday 6:00 p.m. "The Gospel Broadcast Hour"  
KBLF, 1490 kc, Red Bluff  
Bethel Temple, Pastor Everett Morgan  
Thursday 7:45 p.m.; Saturday 7:45 a.m.  
KTRB, 860 kc, Modesto  
Escalon Assembly of God, Pastor Wesley P. Steelberg  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m., "Escalon Echoes"  
KVBA, 1600 kc, Yuba City  
Live Oak Assembly of God, Pastor B. H. Givens  
Sunday 1:00 p.m. Young People's C. A. Group  
KRUZ, 1460 kc, Santa Cruz  
Assembly of God, Pastor R. P. Murray  
Sunday 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. "Music With a Message"  
KYOS, 1490 kc, and KVME-FM, 97.5 meg, Merced  
R. E. Henke.  
Sunday 7:15 a.m. Spanish program  
KVCV, 600 kc, Redding (direct from church)  
Assembly of God, Pastor R. T. Doherty  
Saturday 8:00 to 8:30 p.m. "Life and Light Broadcast"  
KIEM, 1480 kc, Eureka  
Pentecostal Tabernacle, Pastor Clarence J. Larson  
Sunday 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. "The Good News Program"  
KSRO, 1350 kc, Santa Rosa  
Sebastopol Assembly of God, Pastor J. L. Jeffrey  
Sunday 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.  
KLOK, 1170 kc, San Jose  
Calvary Assembly of God, Mountain View  
Phil and Eunice Lindvall, Directors  
Sunday 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. Chorus Time  
(A singspiration on the air)

pounds of relief clothing and food, and offerings amounting to \$824.97. There were 180 quilts reported, 37 layettes, 20 baby showers, and 539 baby garments. The number of prayer and devotional meetings reported was 585, and there were 604 work meetings during the year. Three souls were definitely saved in one group as a result of the women's meetings. A total of 43 district and local rallies were reported.

At the end of the year there was \$156.45 in the treasury which included \$37 toward mosquito nets ordered for the E. M. Brengles in Manila, \$41.83 for a W. M. C. display room at the camp-ground, as reported by Mrs. C. E. Persing, Secretary-Treasurer.

As your newly elected Women's Missionary Council President, I appreciate the confidence placed in me. I also appreciate having Sister Minogue as my assistant, and with your continued splendid co-operation, I know the W. M. C. can be a greater blessing than ever before to our missionaries and to our entire District. God bless you all in your labor of love.

Mrs. R. J. Thurmond

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# Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

## Cost California \$48,171,321 For Prisoners

There are 10,084 prisoners and approximately 2,180 young men and women in California Youth Authority institutions. They will cost the State an estimated \$48,171,321 during the 1949-50 fiscal year, to feed, clothe, and rehabilitate.

## Plane Hits Just Under 1,000 MPH

Government officials familiar with the Air Force XI rocket test plane said it has reached more than half way to its ultimate goal of 1,700 miles an hour and 80,000 feet altitude.

Just how much faster than 850 miles and just how high the XI rocket-powered ship has flown still is wrapped up in the tightest secrecy. Unofficial information is that its best speed has been around 1,000 miles an hour and its best altitude something more than 60,000 feet.

## Says Nations Are Through

Mary M. Bodie says, in the *Grace and Glory* magazine, "The nations are through. Their times have run their course. According to prophecy they will endeavor to unite for one last achievement. God will allow them to launch a world empire and make one gigantic effort to salvage their remaining assets and stage a come back. For a small moment it will appear as if they have really got something, as is the saying, but from the beautiful dream will come a dreadful awakening. The Peace and Safety League will break up into a nightmare. War talk will again fill the horizon. Satan himself, the author of war will be cast down from his place in the heavens. The following declares the sequel—"The great red dragon was cast out, that old serpent the devil and Satan which deceiveth the whole world. He was cast out into the earth and his angels were cast out with him."

## More Publicity on A-Bomb Is Urged

A member of the congressional atomic energy committee said that if the world were told more about the A-Bomb—including results of the Bikini tests—it might help prevent another war. If the Russian people, as well as the American people, are given the full facts about the destructive potential of the atom bomb, a long step will be taken toward making sure there will be no future war.

## Space Ship With Nearly 10,000 MPH Planned

Government scientists are working on a space ship which would flash through the stratosphere at nearly 10,000 miles

an hour. While bare hints of such an "earth satellite vehicle program" have appeared before, the first scant details have been disclosed in a chart issued by the Curtiss Wright Corporation, long-time builder of military planes and engines.

The chart shows secret government research is being conducted on both the nearly 10,000 m.p.h. satellite and a 3,000 to 4,000 m.p.h. rocket plane.

## Fastest Camera Shutter Found

A new fluid eyelid, for a camera, can blink and take a picture in 1-25th of a millionth of a second. This eyelid is an electrical shutter with no moving parts. It's fast enough to see any one of 25 things happening within a millionth of a second.

It was announced to the winter meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers by A. M. Zarem, Stanford Research Institute, Los Angeles, and F. R. Marshall and F. L. Poole, U. S. naval test station at Pasadena.

The shutter is a murky fluid that blocks light. Two electrical contacts are immersed in it. When a current is passed through, the liquid becomes transparent for an instant—as if a bottle of ink became water-clear. The photographic plate is exposed to the action in front of the shutter for only the fraction of time when the liquid is clear.

## How Far Can We Go?

We owe \$252 billions. In 1932 we owed only \$19 billions. The President has asked for \$42 billions for 1949. The people will not be able to save unless prices go way down, and prices are not likely to go way down, because taxes are an element in the price of everything. Besides, if prices do down too far, the income of government from taxes must go down.

A government has no money of its own. It can only spend its people's earnings. It is the people who create the wealth of a nation by their work. The expenditures of a country therefore have to be related to national income—that is, to the total earnings of a people in a given year. In 1942 those earnings were \$136 billions; in 1943, \$168 billions; in 1944, \$182 billions; in 1945, \$181 billions; in 1946, \$179 billions; in 1947, \$202 billions; and in 1948, \$252 (estimated) billions.

Of course the dollar sign at the head of each of those billions does not mean exactly 100 cents. The American dollar has changed in value. If we use 1941 as a base, the dollar had a purchasing power of 78 cents in 1933, but a purchasing

power of 42 cents in 1948. How far can we go?

## Flying Rocket Controlled From Ground

The Air Force said it has developed two new high altitude rocket-guided missiles, with controls which can aim them from the ground at a target while in flight.

The 774 was described as "potentially capable of attaining altitudes of more than 100 miles." This, the larger of the two, is 32 feet long, compared with the 45 foot length of the wartime V-2 rocket of the Germans.

An Air Force spokesman said that these are true guided missiles, which can be launched in one direction, then changed in their flight to hit another target."

The other new rocket, called the Nativ, is about 13 feet long. Designed for study of air foil design, developments of control systems and training of rocket-launching crews, the Nativ has an altitude trajectory of about 10 miles. The Air Force said both rockets had been successfully test-fired but did not disclose the altitudes attained by the big 774.

The Air Force said both the new rockets "have reached supersonic speeds." The speed of sound is 763 miles an hour at sea level at a temperature of 59 degrees Fahrenheit; at 40,000 feet, about 660 miles an hour. (Rockets take off at relatively slow speed, then go faster as they climb, attaining maximum speed as they plummet downward. The V-2's reach a speed of more than 3000 miles an hour as they near the earth from high altitude.) Liquid-fuel rocket motors are used in both new models.

## The Next War's Gases

From a tour of the Army Chemical Center at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., *The New York Times* military expert, Hanson W. Baldwin, reported last week that "new and more deadly war gases far more toxic than lewisite or mustard are under development." Among them are improvements on one of Germany's unused secret weapons of the last war, Tabun.

Using this chemical as a point of departure, American chemists have developed a series known as "Green Ring Three" which have been described as "nerve" or "psychological" poisons because "under certain conditions they might cause irresponsible behavior among victims." They also can kill the victim when even a small amount is inhaled or brought in contact with the skin.

Two things which God cannot do: save an unwilling person, and use an unwilling Christian.

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